

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY
Thursday, November 10, 2022
8:30 A.M.

The Board of Public Works & Safety of the City of Huntingburg met in regular session on Thursday, November 10, 2022 at the hour of 8:30 A.M. in the Council Chambers of the Huntingburg City Hall. Members Schwinghamer, Fitch, Souders and Schmett were present. Also present were Clerk-Treasurer Dippel and City Attorney Schneider. Member Blessinger was absent.

Mayor Schwinghamer called the meeting to order.

A motion was made by Fitch, seconded by Souders and carried to approve the minutes of the October 13, 2022 regular meeting.

A motion was made by Souders, seconded by Schmett and carried to approve the claims for payment as presented.

Street Superintendent Stamm presented his monthly report. He reported that the Valarie Songer pipe project discussed at the last meeting was completed by adding a 20 ft. section of pipe to the drain pipe instead of a 10 ft. piece.

Stamm informed the Board that paving of 1st Avenue between Hwy 231 and Jackson Street will be moved up from next year to this year if a gas leak that has been detected can be fixed in time for Calcar to include in this year's paving; if not it will be the top priority next year. He also indicated that the east/west alley behind the Methodist Church is scheduled to be widened and paved this year. Stamm indicated the no parking on the east side of Geiger Street near the alley was discussed, he recommended the Board authorize a curb painting to eliminate one parking spot on the south side of the entrance to the alley, to make entrance and exit safer.

A motion was made by Schwinghamer, seconded by Fitch and carried to authorize a curb painting of one parking spot south of the alley on the east side of Geiger Street as noted above.

The Mayor noted that at the last Board meeting a concerned citizen had ADA questions about paving of 10th and 12th Street intersections. He noted the intersections were not being paved so there were no ADA issues. Another issue of concern was a 5 year ADA plan for City streets. The Mayor noted that there is nothing that says the City is required to have a 5 year ADA plan.

An invoice to a contractor (Triple T Contracting) was discussed. An invoice (\$334.25) was sent to Triple T per City policy for asphalt application at 403 E. 4th Street. After the contractor complained of having to pay for such application in an alley that is basically rock the contractor was written a letter from the Mayor recommending the Street Department not bill the contractor or the property owner for any replacement costs

in that area. Clerk-Treasurer Dippel noted this item was on the agenda to get Board approval to waive the fee. The Mayor recommended waiving the fee.

A motion was made by Schwinghamer, seconded by Schmett and carried to waive the fee (for the asphalt application of \$334.25).

Wastewater Superintendent Coomer presented his monthly report. He requested Board approval to pay the Town of Holland \$5,000.00; half of the local match of \$10,000.00 paid by the Town of Holland for a preliminary engineer report (completed by Commonwealth Engineers dated March 9, 2022) which documents treatment alternatives for the Town of Holland, including evaluation of pumping sewage from Holland to Huntingburg for treatment

A motion was made by Schmett, seconded by Souders and carried to approve the payment to the Town of Holland in the amount of \$5,000.00.

Coomer indicated that a date to open bids for the INDOT 231 South sewer project has been set for December 9, 2022 at 9:00 A.M. He requested a committee be approved to accept and open the bids. Coomer recommended Clerk-Treasurer Dippel, Mayor Schwinghamer and himself comprise the committee.

A motion was made by Fitch, seconded by Souders and carried to approve Coomer's recommendation for the committee members.

Coomer noted that the appraisals of the property on East 1st Street in connection with the Wastewater treatment upgrade project are done and are awaiting the homeowner's reply.

Police Chief Parks presented his monthly report. He reported that Jan Ilgen and Riley Fleetwood graduated from the police academy on October 28, 2022. He noted that Mitchell Eckert will be going to the academy on January 9, 2023. He informed the Board the SRO Camaro is done and he is receiving good feedback about the vehicle.

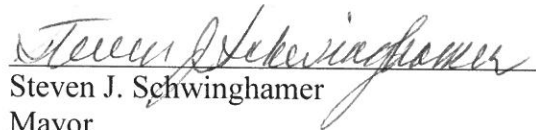
Fire Chief/Code Enforcement Officer Heim presented his monthly reports. He informed the Board that the new roof on the 1st Street Fire Station, previously approved, could be done this year if all the materials come in.

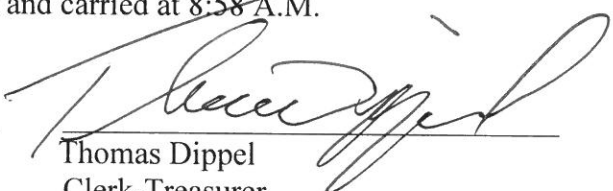
Attorney Schneider indicated the need to approve the Fire Chief having a take-home vehicle; Fire Chief is currently not a position allowed a take-home vehicle. Attorney Schneider recommends the Board adopt an amendment to the policy to allow the Fire Chief to take his vehicle home.

A motion was made by Schmett, seconded by Souders and carried to allow the Fire Chief to take his vehicle home.

Planning Director Lake was absent. His report was presented.

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion to adjourn was made by Souders, seconded by Fitch and carried at 8:58 A.M.


Steven J. Schwinghamer
Mayor


Thomas Dippel
Clerk-Treasurer